

than any college in America. Its 70 percent medical and dental school acceptance rate is almost twice the national average, and 93 percent of those who enter these programs earn their degree.

Xavier also ranks first nationally in the number of African-American students who earn degrees in biology, physics, pharmacy and the physical sciences. In fact, since 1927 Xavier has graduated nearly 25 percent of the black pharmacists practicing in the United States.

Thousands of Xavier's graduates are prominent scientists, scholars, musicians, and community leaders in Louisiana and across the country. Notable graduates include Department of Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, and retired, four-star Air Force General Bernard Randolph, former head of the Space and Defense Systems Command.

Proof of Mother Katharine's superior works lies in the achievements of three of her former students. One of Mother Katharine's students at Xavier was a young man who shined shoes, but wanted an education. Today, Dr. Norman Francis is president of Xavier University and a nationally recognized leader in higher education.

Another of her former students, Lionel Hampton, found his gift for music under Mother Katharine's tutelage at Xavier. Hampton later earned platinum and gold records, and became the first African-American to play in the Benny Goodman Band. Hampton joined another jazz great and New Orleanian, Louis Armstrong, to play for Pope Pius XII.

Mother Katharine also spread her goodwill elsewhere across the country. When Marie Allen entered Mother Katharine's St. Michael's Indian School in Window Rock, Arizona, she was an impoverished young child who spoke no English. Today, Dr. Marie Allen heads the Navaho Nation Special Diabetes Program to educate Native Americans about diabetes, a deadly disease that plagues American Indian reservations. Even more, over the past 10 years, 90 percent of students graduating from St. Michael's Indian School have gone to college.

These are just three examples of the multitude of students who have been inspired to greatness by Mother Katharine Drexel. In the midst of a hostile culture, she used kindness and compassion to fight injustice and indignities, and in the process forged a brighter future for America's poor and underprivileged.

When Katharine Drexel died at the age of 97 in 1955, more than 500 of her disciples were teaching in 63 schools on American Indian reservations and in African-American communities. This is a true testament to her ability to inspire and lead.

History is full of truly remarkable people whose individual acts of kindness have left an indelible mark on our

hearts, our souls and our conscience. Mother Katharine Drexel is no different. Her actions are a true testament to the power of strong religious faith and a moral obligation to those less fortunate.

On behalf of the thousands of people around the world who have been touched by her work, I pay tribute to the life and work of Mother Katharine Drexel. She may have been a teacher to some, but Mother Katharine is a saint to many.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. FAYE G. ABDELLAH

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to honor Dr. Faye G. Abdellah, RN, Ed.D., Sc.D., FAAN who is currently serving as the Dean of the Graduate School of Nursing at the Uniformed Services University. Dr. Abdellah will be inducted in the National Women's Hall of Fame this weekend. Founded in 1969, the Hall is a national membership organization in Seneca Falls, New York that honors and celebrates the achievements of American women. She will join a list of 157 of the most distinguished women in American history, including Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Helen Keller, Sandra Day O'Connor, Rosa Parks, and Eleanor Roosevelt. Dr. Abdellah is being recognized and honored for her pioneering work altering nursing theory and practice, for the development of the first tested coronary care unit that saved thousands of lives, and for being the first nurse to hold the rank of Rear Admiral (Upper Half) and the title of Deputy Surgeon General for the United States.

Dr. Abdellah is the recipient of 79 professional and academic honors. She holds eleven honorary degrees from universities that have recognized her innovative work in nursing research, in the development of the first nurse scientist, as an international expert in health policies, and for making invaluable contributions to the health of our nation. She has authored and co-authored more than 150 publications, some of which have been translated into six languages.

Dr. Abdellah worked with the Surgeon General in the formation of national health policies related to AIDS, drug addiction, violence, smoking and alcoholism. She developed the first federal training program for health services researchers, health services administrators and geriatric nurse practitioners. Dr. Abdellah has worked with state and district nursing associations, serving on many work groups and committees developing standards of nursing practice, credentialing activities, and providing workshops in nursing research.

As part of her international health outreach role as a nurse and health services consultant, she has been a

member of official United States delegations on exchange missions to Russia, Yugoslavia, and France, and designated as coordinator for nursing for the United States-Argentina Cooperation in Health and Medical Research Project. Dr. Abdellah has also served as a consultant to the Japanese Nursing Association on nursing education and research on three separate occasions.

I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Abdellah for many years. Her selfless devotion to duty and extraordinary accomplishments are legendary. It is with pride that I congratulate Dr. Abdellah on her well-deserved induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame. Our nation can be proud of her long and distinguished service to this country.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

##### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:09 p.m. a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hayes, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the bill (S. 835) to encourage the restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient project financing and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, and for other purposes, and ask a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon. That Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. GILCHREST, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. KUYKENDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. FILNER, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. BALDACCIO, be the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5212. An act To direct the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to establish a program to collect video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials of American war veterans, and for other purposes.

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on today, October 5,